

[23 April, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Unstarred Question 1501 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether any opinion from Legal Advisor of IRCS was sought for lodging FIR;
- (b) whether on 21.3.2000, Secretary-General kept her opinion reserved on this volatile issue;
- (c) whether Deputy Director, Blood Bank, IRCS, had specifically consented in writing on 15.4.2000 that FIR may be lodged by Administration;
- (d) whether the concerned file was sent to Secretary-General with these notes on 19.4.2000; and
- (e) if so, why no action for lodging FIR was taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Detailed information is being collected from the national headquarters of IRCS, New Delhi and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of the composite dispensary in Ashok Vihar by CGHS/DGHS

3977. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees residing at Ashok Vihar, New Delhi are facing lot of difficulties due to delay in construction of the Composite Dispensary in Ashok Vihar by the CGHS/DGHS;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the construction of building by Government;
- (c) whether residents of the area have represented to Government for construction of temporary sheds on the allotted/sanctioned plot for running of dispensary; and
- (d) if so, by when the said temporary dispensary would commence its operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. CGHS dispensary is already functioning in a private rented building in Ashok Vihar itself and extending medical facilities to the beneficiaries covered under the dispensary.

(b) Construction of the CGHS dispensary building depends upon availability of resources and completion of the required administrative formalities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Non-scientific basis of Ayurveda

3978. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the House of Commons in UK has recently declared that Ayurveda has no scientific basis;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether other oriental medicines like Chinese, Tibetan, Unani etc., enjoy universal recognition; and

(d) if so, whether Government would launch a concerted campaign for propagation of Ayurveda, Yoga, etc. on scientific basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A Sub-Committee of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology described Ayurveda as a System having no scientific basis.

(b) The Government provided literature and scientific evidence to the Sub-Committee of House of Lords to substantiate that Ayurvedic system is a scientific system. A delegation of scientists and researchers was deputed which made a presentation before the Sub-Committee in United